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[REDACTED] /CQEG/DOH/G To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
B cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>, [REDACTED]
08/04/2013 15:41 [REDACTED] /OIS/DOH@DOH, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] /PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
bcc
Subj RE: DH Freedom of Information
ect Request208D361A4C74247E80257B2F004D4DCC

Thank you for this confirmation. This is to let you know that given the interest in the issue of standardised packaging, we intend to publish the response to the Freedom of Information request mentioned in the email below, which is due for response this week.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tobacco policy manager

[REDACTED]

Department of Health | Wellington House | 133-155 Waterloo Road | London SE1 8UG | tel - 020 [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
15/03/2013 14:04
To [REDACTED] /OIS/DOH@DOH
cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] /PH3/DOH/GB@DOH, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] /CQEG/DOH/GB
Subj RE: DH Freedom of Information Request
ect

We have no concerns over the disclosure of this meeting note.

Regards

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK
Imperial Tobacco

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 12:58 PM
To: Ross, Richard

Cc: Wragg, Colin; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: DH Freedom of Information Request

Mr Ross

DH Freedom of Information Request

We have received a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the meeting we had on 30 January 2013. The request asks for:

1. all notes taken by officials
2. the name and title of each individual in attendance
3. the date
4. the location

For ease of reference I attach the note of the meeting that we earlier agreed. It seems to me that this contains all the information asked for and I can confirm that DH officials no longer hold any further notes from this meeting.

(See attached file: Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013 FINAL as agreed.docx)

As you know, the FOI Act requires DH to disclose information in response to a request unless an exemption applies. There are two types of exemption in the FOI Act. The first type is an 'absolute' exemption, whereby disclosure may be withheld if the information falls within the terms of the exemption in question. The second type is 'qualified' exemption, whereby information can only be withheld if the balance of the public interest, in all the circumstances of the case, favours maintaining the exemption of the information.

Please let me know if you have any views about the question of disclosure of any information under this request, or matters that you wish us to take into consideration. All relevant factors will be taken into account when deciding whether disclosure of the information identified is required under the FOI Act, in particular where appropriate, the public interest considerations both in favour of and against disclosure.

I would be grateful if you could respond to me (copied to my colleague [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by **Friday 22 March** to enable DH to consider any points you wish to make and reach a decision within statutory the FOI Act deadline.

If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you are content with the disclosure of the attached note.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health

tel 020 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
/PH3/DOH/GB
15/03/2013 11:21

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB
Subj Re: Visit to Nottingham yesterday 15th March
ect 20133D3243634D4767CE80257B2F003B0EFC

Dear Richard,

Thank you for hosting our visit to the Imperial Tobacco factory yesterday. The visit was very interesting, giving us the chance to see the manufacturing process for your products. We were also able to ask questions which was useful.

We will prepare an overview note of the visit and send it you in draft form to agree as a read-out of the day.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Message sent from a Blackberry handheld device.

From: "Ross, Richard" [Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]
Sent: 15/03/2013 10:41 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Visit to Nottingham yesterday 15th March 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

We hope you and your colleagues found the fact finding visit around our Nottingham factory yesterday informative and helpful.

We also hope the train journey back went to plan.

If you think of any questions you did not ask or want clarification on anything you remember please drop me an email and I will get the answer for you.

Best wishes

Regards

Richard

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<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

31/01/2013 13:02

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]/DOH/GB@DOH

bcc

Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of
ect tobacco products

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your quick response. Yes happy to accept as the agreed note.

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 11:17 AM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: Wragg, Colin; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for your helpful and speedy comments on the note of the meeting. We are happy to incorporate these in the attached version. You will see that we have just clarified the attribution of a couple of your comments. I hope that this may now be considered the final note. Please let me know if you are content.

(See attached file: Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013 Revised.docx)

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health

tel 020 [REDACTED]

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

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<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

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30/01/2013 18:00

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

"Wragg, Colin"
<Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>

Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised
ect packaging of tobacco products

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the draft note with our proposed changes as tracked changes. We trust you agree they accurately reflect the discussion that took place.

Kind regards

Richard Ross

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 2:08 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk;

[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk;

[REDACTED]@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK; Wragg, Colin

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for coming to the meeting on 9 January and for you letter of 11 January.

As agreed, please find attached a draft note of the meeting for your comment. Please let me know if you would like any changes made, or if you are content with this draft.

(See attached file: Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013.docx)

Thanks

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[REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB

12/02/2013 17:06

To Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com

cc

bcc [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH

Subject Letter from Department of Health
ect

Dear Mr Ross,

Please find the attached letter from [REDACTED], Tobacco Programme Manager at the Department of Health.

This letter has also been sent to you by post.



Imperial Tobacco - factory visit, Feb 2013.pdf

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme
Department of Health

[REDACTED]
/PH3/DOH/GB
15/01/2013 15:05

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH
Subj Re: Minutes of meeting last
ect weekF419730FD55D30AD80257AF4004EB2BE

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your email.

We are working on the minutes at present, and should have a first draft for you to consider over the course of this week.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager
Department of Health

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Email: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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15/01/2013 14:19
To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
cc
Subj Minutes of meeting last week
ect

Hi [REDACTED]

Any news on draft minutes yet?

Regards

Richard

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<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

23/10/2012 15:24

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

bcc

Subj Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October
ect 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

Following Amal Pramanik's letter I am keen to arrange a date to come and see you and view these postcards that have been segregated out by your contractor.

(I spoke to a colleague of yours earlier today 3pm 23/10/2012 who said he would email you saying I was asking to arrange a time to come to inspect the cards you have brought to our attention.)

Please could you propose 2 or 3 times it would be convenient. If you can email me on this address I will be able to confirm promptly which time is possible. We will be travelling from Bristol. We arranged our campaign to enable genuine responses only so are keen to be able to validate the integrity of these cards.

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

Direct dial : 0117 933 7318

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Email : Richard.ross@uk.imptob.com

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<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

29/10/2012 16:22

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

bcc

Subj FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10
ect October 2012

From: Ross, Richard

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 3:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

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<Richard.Ross@uk.impt
ob.com>

23/11/2012 15:21

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

bcc

Subj RE: Your letter 14 November re IA. Our response
ect

[REDACTED]

Please find electronic copy of letter – Hard copy in post

Have a nice week-end

Kind regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 11:17 AM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Richard

Thank you very much for your reply - both for speed and accuracy in noting our omission and providing a copy of the 10 October letter.

I also look forward to hearing from you soon about arranging to meet to discuss the development of the tobacco packaging impact assessment, to help inform policy decisions on this.

Thanks for your help

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health
tel 020 [REDACTED]

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

23/11/2012 10:58

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

Subject Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the official response from Imperial Tobacco to your letter dated 22 November 2012. A hard copy is in the post.

Regards

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK

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 - 2012-11-23 RWR Letter to  re IA.pdf

"Ross, Richard"

<Richard.Ross@uk.impt
ob.com>

23/11/2012 10:58

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

bcc

Subj Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response
ect

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the official response from Imperial Tobacco to your letter dated 22 November 2012. A hard copy is in the post.

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

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- 2012-11-23 RWR letter to [REDACTED] re FOI.pdf

[REDACTED]
/PH3/DOH/GB
12/04/2013 10:42

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH
Subj RE: European Tobacco Products Directive & Plain
ect PackF5E2D54BA4F81FFD80257B4B002EFEC5

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your email.

You say that the information that you received came from Brussels - do you mean the European Commission?

To avoid any misunderstanding, I would be happy to make informal contact with who you have been talking to, so we can clarify the position on standardised packaging.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager
Department of Health

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Email: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

12/04/2013 09:33

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
cc
Subj RE: European Tobacco Products Directive & Plain Pack
ect

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks very much for your clear response and the assurance that to date no decision has been taken by the UK Government about Standardised (Plain) Packaging.

The information came from Brussels on what happened at the Council Working Group meeting on 26th March. Particularly as information on the different articles under discussion was mentioned we assumed it must be reliable so I am grateful for the correction of this error. I am reassured to hear from you that the UK did not speak in favour of Standardised (Plain) Packaging at that meeting.

It would be helpful if there was any information you could share with all stakeholders on the progress of the discussion in the Council Working Group, particularly as it would ensure no one was misled by information gleaned from discussions in Brussels.

Thanking you for a prompt reply.

Best wishes

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2013 3:07 PM
To: Ross, Richard
Subject: Re: European Tobacco Products Directive & Plain Pack

Dear Richard,

I can confirm that no decision about standardised packaging of tobacco has been made by the Government. The position remains the same as when we last spoke during our visit to Imperial Tobacco's factory in Nottingham in March. The evidence that the Minister for Public Health gave to the EU Select Committee that you refer to is the current position.

I can reassure you that the UK did not speak in favour of introducing standardised packaging at the European Council Working Group meeting on 26 March. There is, therefore, no need to issue any retraction or clarification.

I am not sure what report you have seen of this meeting. Perhaps you can tell us more about who prepared the report, and share it with us?

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager

Department of Health

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"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

09/04/2013 16:08

To [REDACTED]PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

Subject European Tobacco Products Directive & Plain Pack

Hi [REDACTED]

I hope you and team are well.

We noted that when you and Anna Soubry the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State with responsibility for public health appeared in front of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union Home Affairs, Health and Education (Sub-Committee F) Anna Soubry stated "the consultation having concluded – but until any decision is made it is not for me to give my own views or indeed the views of the Government, other than to say that the Government are entirely neutral and have no policy on standardised packaging."

I am therefore somewhat surprised to read a report of the European Council Working Group meeting on 26th March 2013 which was attended by a UK delegate. I am not sure if that was you or one of your team or a member of the PermRep in Brussels. However it is reported that the UK delegate spoke out in favour of Plain Packaging along with Finland and Slovenia. This seems at odds with what Anna Soubry told the House of Lords Select Committee.

Please could you clarify if a decision has been made or if this statement was made in error and if in error get it formally retracted at the next meeting.

It would be helpful if like in other areas EU draft Regulations are being discussed it is common for UK departments to share reports of the meetings with all stakeholders. It would be helpful to ensure we are getting the right reports if your department could issue reports on the EUTPD Council Working Group Meetings. Many other Member States do this as common practice as do other parts of UK Government.

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs

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cc
bcc [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH
Subj RE: European Tobacco Products Directive & Plain
ect PackFEEF52194AF4906B80257B4F00321882

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your e-mail of 16 April.

I am disappointed that you have not felt able to confirm the source of the information you are receiving about the proceedings of the Council Working Group on the Tobacco Products Directive. This is a pity because, as I made clear in my earlier e-mail, I would willingly make informal contact to make sure there is no misunderstanding about the UK position on tobacco packaging, or on any other tobacco control topic covered by the proposed TPD.

On the question of appropriate procedures, I would like to clarify another point that you made in your original e-mail of 9 April, that you believe that "...it is common for the UK departments to share reports of the [working group] meetings with all stakeholders." I am surprised to hear this because Council working groups are not held in public and deliberations are subject to principles of professional secrecy (as set out in the Council rules of procedure, Articles 5 and 6). It would not be appropriate and would be a breach of those rules for us to share working group reports with you or anyone else.

I am sure you will appreciate that, for this reason, it would also be inappropriate for me to engage further in detailed discussion of the content of any such unattributed reports about working group discussions. But I would also wish to make it clear that the unattributed reports that you have received about the proceedings of the Council discussions on the proposed Tobacco Products Directive are not accurate.

I am afraid that, in the circumstances, I do not think that there is much more to be gained from continuing correspondence on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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16/04/2013 10:07

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

Subj RE: European Tobacco Products Directive & Plain Pack
ect

Dear [REDACTED]

I am again concerned to hear about UK negotiating positions taken at the Council Working Group on 8th April on the EUTPD when the Consultation on Standardised Packaging for tobacco products has not yet reported and as you recently (11th April which is subsequent to this working group) said "no decision about standardised packaging of tobacco has been made by the Government".

We heard that at the working group meeting UK along with FRA,BEL,HUN,BG,FIN,SLK and SLV supported Article 13.1 about standardisation of packs – "A unit pack of cigarettes shall include at least 20 cigarettes. A unit pack of roll-your-own tobacco shall contain tobacco weighing at least 40g." - you said the UK Government does not have an agreed position on Standardised packaging for tobacco products so this support seems inappropriate at this time. We have submitted to you packs of 10 cigarettes have a significant market share in the UK and we are told by many smokers they use it as a means of controlling their level of smoking. Buying one pack a day limits them to a maximum of 10 whereas if they buy a pack of 20 they are not able to control their consumption as easily. The roll-your-own minimum 40g will drive many smokers to source their tobacco from the illicit market. Most of the roll-you-own in the UK that is sold with UK duty paid is in 12.5g and 25g packs owing to the price point as a result of the UK duty level. The pouch swap survey carried out to monitor the level of illicit trade in the UK shows a huge proportion of the 50g packs are non-UK duty paid. 50g packs represent less than a quarter of the UK legal market.

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We are encouraged to hear that UK wanted to consult with "Customs colleagues" over Article 14.

We have not spoken with officials of the European Commission on this.

Yours sincerely

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK
Imperial Tobacco
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Sent: Friday, April 12, 2013 10:43 AM
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Plain Pack

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10/04/2013 10:46

To [REDACTED] CQEG/DOH/GB

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bcc

Subj RE: visit to Imperial Tobacco factory 14 March
ect

Please find attached with added names and a few suggestions all highlighted. The last sentence added thought we should include that empty sample packs were taken away by your team – Happy if you want to tweak wording.

Regards

Richard

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Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 3:07 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: visit to Imperial Tobacco factory 14 March

Dear Richard

Thank you for hosting the visit to Imperial Tobacco's Nottingham factory on 14 March. As discussed at the time, DH has prepared a draft overview note of the visit.

I would be grateful if you would share this with those who attended the event and let me have any comments on the content of the note, and the names and titles of those who attended from Imperial Tobacco in particular.

(See attached file: Visit to Imperial Tobacco Factory 14 March 2013.doc)

thank you

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To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

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Subj Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response
ect

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the official response from Imperial Tobacco to your letter dated 22 November 2012. A hard copy is in the post.

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Subject Urgent FOI request deadline 3 April 2013

Mr Ross,

Please find attached a copy about an FOI request. The documents are also attached. As always apologies for the tight deadline of Wednesday 3 April 2013.



FOI - Richard Ross Imperial Tobacco-26-03-13.doc

The documents.



16. Imp tob to DH FOI 23-11-12.pdf



1. DH to Imperial Tobacco third party letter 22 Nov.doc



2. 2012-11-23 Imp tob to DH FOI.pdf



3. Imperial Tob reply to DH 23 Nov 2012.pdf



4. Imperial Tobacco to DH - Say No to Plain Packs, 21 Nov 2012.pdf



5. DH to IMPERIAL third party letter 11.12.12.doc



6. Imperial Tobacco to DH re IA -23-11-12.pdf



7. Imperial Tobacco to DH invitation 11 Jan 2013.pdf



8. Tobacco Consultation on standardised packaing of tobacco products-03-01-2013.pdf



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regards



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Subj RE: DH Freedom of Information Request
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Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

Imperial Tobacco

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Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 12:58 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: Wragg, Colin; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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"Walker, Zoe"

<Zoe.Walker@uk.imptob.com>

28/02/2013 11:48

To Balance of Competences/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

Subj Imperial Tobacco response to the Department of Health call
ect for evidence: Balance of Competences review

Balanceofcompetences@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Department of Health
Richmond House
79 Whitehall
London SW1A 2NS

Dear Sir/Madam,

Balance of Competence review: publication of Department of Health call for evidence

Imperial Tobacco welcomes the opportunity to respond to the 'Department of Health call for evidence: Balance of Competences review'.

Please find our response attached in PDF format.

We have also attached the following letter which is referenced in our response:

- 1) Response from the Secretary General of the Commission, Catherine Day (on behalf of President Barroso), dated 7th February 2013, to a letter written by Koen Roovers, dated 17th January 2013, of ALTER-EU.

Please contact me if you have any queries regarding our response and I would be very happy to assist.

Kind regards,
Zoe

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"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

15/03/2013 14:04

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>, [REDACTED]
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/PH3/DOH/GB
19/02/2013 12:07

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH
Subj Re: FW: Letter from Department of
ect Health6F533A4B9F10CA8B80257B1700414195

Hi Richard,

You are right - your email of yesterday hadn't made its way to me.

Let's lock in 14 March for the visit.

I will send you a list of colleagues who will be taking part, together with coat and shoe sizes as soon as I can.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager
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"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
19/02/2013 11:52

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
cc
Subj FW: Letter from Department of Health
ect

Hi [REDACTED]

You obviously have not seen this sent yesterday. Yes 14th would be good.

Regards

Richard

From: Ross, Richard
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 10:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Letter from Department of Health

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter.

Imperial Tobacco is pleased to be able to facilitate a fact finding visit to our manufacturing plant in Nottingham to enable the delegation to see the manufacturing process for cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco and the machinery used. We will ensure the appropriate members of the production and engineering staff are available to explain operational matters.

I am afraid the 22 February is not a good day for our team in Nottingham. I am awaiting some further dates from them however they were able to say 14th March was a convenient day if that works for your delegation. If not I hope to have a couple of other dates available tomorrow.

As you will be aware to go round a factory visitors will need to wear protective clothing and footwear which will be supplied by the factory. To facilitate this being available on arrival, when you provide the names of the visiting party please could you include their coat and shoe size.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

Richard Ross


From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 5:07 PM
To: Ross, Richard
Subject: Letter from Department of Health

Dear Mr Ross,

Please find the attached letter from [REDACTED], Tobacco Programme Manager at the Department of Health.

This letter has also been sent to you by post.

Yours sincerely,


Tobacco Programme
Department of Health

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19/02/2013 11:31

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
cc
Subj Nottingham factory visit⁽¹⁾
ect

Dear Mr Ross,

I wrote to you last week suggesting that Friday would be a convenient date for us to visit your Nottingham factory.

However, we haven't heard back from you and it is now probably a bit late for us to make travel arrangements etc.

I am hoping that can reschedule the visit - how would either 14 or 15 March suit you?

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager
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<Richard.Ross@uk.impt
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11/01/2013 13:28

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

bcc

Subj RE: FOI request
ect

Dear [REDACTED]

We have no concerns regarding these documents being disclosed.

Regards

Richard Ross

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, January 11, 2013 12:51 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: FOI request

Importance: High

Mr Ross,

DH has received a freedom of information request that you will wish to be aware of. The request is for our reply to your FOI request of the 26 October. For ease of reference, I attach your original request dated 26 October and DH's reply dated 27 November 2012.

(See attached file: TO 736330 Imperial Tobacco 26 October 2012.tif)(See attached file: FINAL REPLY SENT 27 NOVEMBER 12.doc)

Please let me know if you have any views about the disclosure of the information contained in our letter of 27 November 2012.

We are obliged to respond to this FOI request by Thursday 17 January so would be grateful if you could please respond by then. I apologise for the short deadline. If we have no response from you by Thursday 17 January, we will assume that you have no comment to make

As always apologies for the tight deadline.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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08/11/2012 13:31

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc
Subj RE: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10
ect October 20120714E5830529C11E80257AB000448091

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your reply.

I have amended the note a little more, to incorporate your suggested amendment. Please see the attached document.

The amended text is now in dot point 5. I have not made any other amendments.

Are you content with the amendment?



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Regards,

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Subj RE: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 Oct
ect October 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thanks again – I hope you have a good trip to COP5.

Best wishes

Richard & Colin

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2012 3:58 PM

To: Ross, Richard; Wragg, Colin

Subject: Re: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

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29/10/2012 16:22

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
cc
Subject

FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated
10 October 2012

From: Ross, Richard
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 3:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

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colin.wragg@uk.imptob.com
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Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

Direct dial : 0117 933 7318

Mobile : [REDACTED]

Email : Richard.ross@uk.imptob.com

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"Ross, Richard"

<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

08/11/2012 14:01

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

bcc

Subj RE: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10
ect October 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

That is great thanks. Yes we are happy.

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 1:31 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Subject: RE: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

Dear Richard,

Thank you for your reply.

I have amended the note a little more, to incorporate your suggested amendment. Please see the attached document.

The amended text is now in dot point 5. I have not made any other amendments.

Are you content with the amendment?

(See attached file: Overview of visit to Department of Health by Imperial Tobacco 7 Nov 2012 v2.doc)

Regards,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager
Department of Health

Tel: 020 [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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08/11/2012 12:28

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

Subject RE: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you and [REDACTED] for meeting with us yesterday

I have one other suggestion for the file note: A change to the end of bullet 4 to clarify we will investigate the circumstances around the copied cards and report the facts back to you for you to decide their eligibility for inclusion. We feel this should be your decision. I attach a modified version. If you don't like it happy to go with original.

Thanks again – I hope you have a good trip to COP5.

Best wishes

Richard & Colin

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2012 3:58 PM
To: Ross, Richard; Wragg, Colin
Subject: Re: FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

Dear Richard and Colin,

Thank you for visiting Wellington House today.

I mentioned that I wish to put an overview of your visit on our files. We agreed that I would send you a draft so you could look over it to agree that it reflects the visit from your perspective.

Please note, I have suggested that it would be good to have your response within the next two weeks.

I would be grateful if you could let me know by 5pm tomorrow if you are content with the attached note.

(See attached file: Overview of visit to Department of Health by Imperial Tobacco, 7 Nov 2012.doc)

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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29/10/2012 16:22

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

Subject FW: Follow up to letter from Amal Pramanik dated 10 October 2012

From: Ross, Richard

Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2012 3:24 PM

To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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[REDACTED] OIS/DOH

03/01/2013 17:24

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

cc [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH, [REDACTED]/MPI-PPB/DOH/GB@DOH, "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>

bcc

Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of
ect tobacco products

Richard

Thank you for this. The meeting will be led by DH analysts but will also be attended by [REDACTED] (and myself) from the Tobacco Control Policy Programme and by a DH lawyer who will attend, principally, to confirm the legal position on issues arising from commercial confidentiality and the Freedom of Information Act.

[REDACTED], Economic Adviser Analyst (Chair)
[REDACTED], Economic Adviser
[REDACTED], Assistant Economist
[REDACTED], Legal Services
[REDACTED], Tobacco Control Programme Manager
[REDACTED] Tobacco Control Programme

We will take a note of the meeting so that there can be a mutually agreed record (we envisage this working in a similar way as for the note of your recent meeting with Andrew).

Let me know if you have any further queries before the meeting.

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Control Programme

Dept. of Health

tel 020 [REDACTED]

"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

03/01/2013 14:06

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH [REDACTED]
PH3/DOH/GB@DOH [REDACTED]/MPI-
PPB/DOH/GB@DOH
cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>
Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of
ect tobacco products

Hi [REDACTED]

Happy New Year to you and the Tobacco Control Team.

To help prepare for our meeting on 9th January 2013.

1. Colin Wragg (Head of UK Corporate and Legal affairs) and I will be attending on behalf of Imperial Tobacco.
2. Please could you let me know who will be attending for Department of Health or other Government departments.
3. As only two of us are coming and to enable meaningful discussion without us having to be distracted taking detailed notes we were wondering what arrangements had been made, to ensure transparency of the meeting as required by FCTC, for the production of a report/file note of the meeting. In addition what arrangements will there be for us to see the report and comment if necessary before finalisation.

Thanking you in anticipation

Regards

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK.

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 12:14 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk;
[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK;
[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for your reply.

I attach a note of the topics we would like to discuss in the meeting.

We agree that it would be helpful to start with a discussion of commercial confidentiality, DH responsibilities under FOI and for DH to explain how we would intend to use any information you are able to provide.

(See attached file: Note for meeting with Imperial Tobacco on tobacco packs IA.doc)

We look forward to the meeting

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Control Programme

Dept. of Health

tel 020 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please find electronic copy of letter – Hard copy in post

Have a nice week-end

Kind regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Ross, Richard
Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Richard

Thank you very much for your reply - both for speed and accuracy in noting our omission and providing a copy of the 10 October letter.

I also look forward to hearing from you soon about arranging to meet to discuss the development of the tobacco packaging impact assessment, to help inform policy decisions on this.

Thanks for your help

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tel 020 [REDACTED]

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"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

23/11/2012 10:58

To

██████████/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

Subject

Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Hi ██████████

Please find attached the official response from Imperial Tobacco to your letter dated 22 November 2012. A hard copy is in the post.

Regards

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK

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To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

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Subj RE: URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health
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Thanks – Hard copy in the post

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 4:12 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Subject: RE: URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health

Hi Richard,

Thanks for your letter. This is to conform receipt.

I had noticed the date issue you mention after I had sent my letter to you - these documents have been removed from the disclosure.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Policy Manager
Tobacco Team
7th Floor, North Spur
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133 - 155 Waterloo Road
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0207 [REDACTED]

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

"Ross, Richard"

<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

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To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

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cc

[IMAG [IMAGE]
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Subj RE: URGENT: FOI request. Department of
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[IMAGE]

[IMAGE]

Hi [REDACTED]

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Have a nice week-end

Regards
Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 9:57 AM

To: richard.ross@tesco.net; Ross, Richard

Subject: Fw: URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health

Importance: High

Hi Richard,

I sent it on to your alternative email account as requested. Please see below a copy of my email.

Regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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To richard.ross@tesco.net

12/12/2012 09:35

cc [IMAGE]

Subject URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health

[IMAGE] [IMAGE]

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[REDACTED]

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"Ross, Richard"

<Richard.Ross@uk.impt
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12/12/2012 10:04

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

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Both received in last 5 minutes thanks. Cyberspace must be busy at the moment

Thanks for your help

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk <[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk>

To: richard.ross@tesco.net <richard.ross@tesco.net>; Ross, Richard

Sent: Wed Dec 12 09:57:09 2012

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12/12/2012 09:57

To richard.ross@tesco.net, Richard Ross

cc

bcc

Subj Fw: URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health
ect

Hi Richard,

I sent it on to your alternative email account as requested. Please see below a copy of my email.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Policy Manager
Tobacco Team
7th Floor, North Spur
Wellington House
133 - 155 Waterloo Road
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SE1 8UG

0207 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]/OIS/DOH

12/12/2012 09:35

To richard.ross@tesco.net

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ect

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Kind regards

[REDACTED]



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"Ross, Richard"

<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

12/12/2012 09:52

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

bcc

Subject: Re: URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health

Hi [REDACTED]

I have not received the resent email as discussed yet. As we have not got the attachments listed in your email we are not in a position to reply. Bearing in mind your tight deadline a prompt resend would be appreciated

Wishing you and your colleagues a very happy Christmas

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk <[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk>

To: Ross, Richard

Sent: Tue Dec 11 16:30:22 2012

Subject: URGENT: FOI request. Department of Health

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]/OIS/DOH

14/11/2012 11:37

To Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com

cc Tabitha Brufal, [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/CAT/DOH/GB@DOH, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]OIS/DOH@DOH, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]OIS/DOH@DOH,
[REDACTED]@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK

bcc

Subj Imperial Tobacco Invitation to Meet DH Analysts
ect

Dear Mr Ross

Please find attached a letter inviting representatives of Imperial Tobacco to meet DH analysts to discuss developing the Impact Assessment for tobacco packaging.

I hope that you will feel able to take up this offer.

I would be happy to clarify any points if that would be helpful.



- Imperial Tobacco Invitation.doc

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health
tel 020 [REDACTED]

██████████/OIS/DOH

11/01/2011 13:21

To "Cleave, Adam" <Adam.Cleave@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc
Subj Re: Tobacco Display Regulations - Clarity Required
ect

Adam

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Tobacco Control Legislation
tel 020 ██████████

"Cleave, Adam"

<Adam.Cleave@uk.imptob.com>

11/01/2011 11:16

To ██████████/OIS/DOH@DOH
cc
Subj Tobacco Display Regulations - Clarity Required
ect

Dear ██████████,

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Adam.

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[REDACTED] CQEG/DOH/G To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>
B cc [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
08/04/2013 15:06 bcc
Subj visit to Imperial Tobacco factory 14 March
ect

Dear Richard

Thank you for hosting the visit to Imperial Tobacco's Nottingham factory on 14 March. As discussed at the time, DH has prepared a draft overview note of the visit.

I would be grateful if you would share this with those who attended the event and let me have any comments on the content of the note, and the names and titles of those who attended from Imperial Tobacco in particular.



Visit to Imperial Tobacco Factory 14 March 2013.doc

thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tobacco policy manager

[REDACTED]

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B cc [REDACTED] /PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
12/04/2013 16:37 bcc
Subj visit to Imperial Tobacco factory 14 March
ect

Dear Richard

Thank you your comments on the overview note of the DH visit on 14 March, which we agree with. Please find attached a copy of what we intend to serve as the record of the visit.



Visit to Imperial Tobacco Factory 14 March 2013.doc

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tobacco policy manager

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[REDACTED]/OIS/DOH

31/01/2013 11:17

To "Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

bcc

Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of
ect tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for your helpful and speedy comments on the note of the meeting. We are happy to incorporate these in the attached version. You will see that we have just clarified the attribution of a couple of your comments. I hope that this may now be considered the final note. Please let me know if you are content.



- Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013 Revised.docx

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health
tel 020 [REDACTED]

"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

30/01/2013 18:00

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>

Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of
ect tobacco products

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the draft note with our proposed changes as tracked changes. We trust you agree they accurately reflect the discussion that took place.

Kind regards

Richard Ross

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 2:08 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk;
[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK; Wragg, Colin

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for coming to the meeting on 9 January and for you letter of 11 January.

As agreed, please find attached a draft note of the meeting for your comment. Please let me know if you would like any changes made, or if you are content with this draft.

(See attached file: Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013.docx)

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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"[REDACTED]
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SERVICES DHLSD"
<[REDACTED]@
DWP.GSI.GOV.UK>

21/01/2013 19:43

To <colin.wragg@uk.imptob.com>
cc <richard.ross@uk.imptob.com> [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH
bcc
Subj 180110 RE letter to Imperial Tobacco
ect

Dear Mr Wragg,

Please find attached a letter addressing the issues in respect of information confidentiality as discussed at our meeting.

With regards

[REDACTED]

<<180110 RE letter to Imperial Tobacco.doc>>

[REDACTED] Department of Health Legal Services | MHRA, Nutrition and EU division
Department of Work and Pensions, 2nd Floor Caxton House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NA
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Please find electronic copy of letter – Hard copy in post

Have a nice week-end

Kind regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

From: █@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:█@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Ross, Richard
Cc: █@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Richard

Thank you very much for your reply - both for speed and accuracy in noting our omission and providing a copy of the 10 October letter.

I also look forward to hearing from you soon about arranging to meet to discuss the development of the tobacco packaging impact assessment, to help inform policy decisions on this.

Thanks for your help

█
Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health
tel 020 █

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

23/11/2012 10:58

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

Subject Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the official response from Imperial Tobacco to your letter dated 22 November 2012. A hard copy is in the post.

Regards

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK

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 - 2012-11-23 RWR Letter to [REDACTED] re IA.pdf

██████████/OIS/DOH
22/11/2012 12:55

To Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com
cc ██████████/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
bcc
Subj Dept of Health Freedom of Information request
ect

Dear Ross

Please find attached a letter relating to a request for information received by the Department of Health that is being considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

To enable us, in reaching a decision on this FOI Act request, to consider any points you wish to make, I would be grateful if you could respond to me by close Monday 26 November 2012 if at all possible. I am sorry for the short deadline, please let me know if this presents any difficulty.



- Imperial Tobacco third party letter 22 Nov.doc

██████████
Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health

tel 020 ██████████


██████████/OIS/DOH

11/01/2011 14:47

To "Cleave, Adam" <Adam.Cleave@uk.imptob.com>
cc
bcc
Subj RE: Tobacco Display Regulations - Clarity Required
ect

Adam

Section 21 of the Health Act 2009 provides for the prohibition of tobacco displays by inserting four new sections into TAPA - new sections 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D.

Here is a link to the Act if needed -  - contents.url

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/21/contents>

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"Cleave, Adam"

<Adam.Cleave@uk.imptob.com>

11/01/2011 14:24

To ██████████/OIS/DOH@DOH
cc
Subj RE: Tobacco Display Regulations - Clarity Required
ect

Dear ██████████,

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Kind regards,

Adam.

-----Original Message-----

From: ██████████@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:██████████@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 1:22 PM

To: Cleave, Adam

Subject: Re: Tobacco Display Regulations - Clarity Required

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"Cleave, Adam"

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To

██████████@OIS/DOH@DOH

11/01/2011 11:16

cc

Subject

Tobacco Display Regulations -

Clarity Required

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██████████/OIS/DOH

15/03/2013 12:58

To Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com

cc Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com, ██████████
██████████/CQEG/DOH/GB

bcc

Subj DH Freedom of Information Request
ect

Mr Ross

DH Freedom of Information Request

We have received a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the meeting we had on 30 January 2013. The request asks for:

1. all notes taken by officials
2. the name and title of each individual in attendance
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For ease of reference I attach the note of the meeting that we earlier agreed. It seems to me that this contains all the information asked for and I can confirm that DH officials no longer hold any further notes from this meeting.



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I would be grateful if you could respond to me (copied to my colleague ██████████
██████████) by **Friday 22 March** to enable DH to consider any points you wish to make and reach a decision within statutory the FOI Act deadline.

If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you are content with the disclosure of the attached note.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health

tel 020 [REDACTED]

■■■■■■/OIS/DOH

25/01/2013 14:08

To Richard Ross

cc

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■■■■■■
■■■■■■@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK>
colin.wragg@uk.imptob.com

bcc

Subj RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of
ect tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for coming to the meeting on 9 January and for your letter of 11 January.

As agreed, please find attached a draft note of the meeting for your comment. Please let me know if you would like any changes made, or if you are content with this draft.



- Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013.docx

Thanks

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]

Sent: 06 August 2013 09:48

To: ■■■■■■

Subject: RE: Email for Mr Richard Ross from the Department of Health

Dear ■■■■■■,

We can see no reason that an exemption applies to any of this correspondence being released subject to:

In email of 21 February 2013 in the attachment on page 18 the contact section should be redacted.

Please also note that [REDACTED] email to me dated 11 April 2013 15:07 is missing as is my email to [REDACTED] dated 12 April 2013 09:31. To make it a complete record these should be included.

Kind regards

Richard Ross

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2013 5:03 PM
To: Ross, Richard
Subject: FW: Email for Mr Richard Ross from the Department of Health
Importance: High

Dear Mr Ross,

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Yours sincerely,





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of Health

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Policy Manager

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]
Sent: 06 August 2013 10:37
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Email for Mr Richard Ross from the Department of Health

In addition to last message please ensure in all documents personal mobile phone numbers etc are redacted

Many thanks

Regards

Richard

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2013 15:42
To: Ross, Richard
Cc: Wragg, Colin; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: DH Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for this confirmation. This is to let you know that given the interest in the issue of standardised packaging, we intend to publish the response to the Freedom of Information request mentioned in the email below, which is due for response this week.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Tobacco policy manager

[REDACTED]

Department of Health | Wellington House | 133-155 Waterloo Road | London SE1
8UG | tel - 020 [REDACTED] | [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

15/03/2013 14:04

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>, [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]/CQEG/DOH/GB

Subject RE: DH Freedom of Information Request

We have no concerns over the disclosure of this meeting note.

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

Imperial Tobacco

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2013 12:58 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: Wragg, Colin; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: DH Freedom of Information Request

Mr Ross

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]

Sent: 15 March 2013 10:42

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Visit to Nottingham yesterday 15th March 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

We hope you and your colleagues found the fact finding visit around our Nottingham factory yesterday informative and helpful.

We also hope the train journey back went to plan.

If you think of any questions you did not ask or want clarification on anything you remember please drop me an email and I will get the answer for you.

Best wishes

Regards

Richard

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]
Sent: 28 March 2013 12:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Urgent FOI request deadline 3 April 2013

I note [REDACTED] is on holiday.

From: Ross, Richard
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 10:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Urgent FOI request deadline 3 April 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

In response to this email and your email of 27/03/2013 at 12:42 attaching an additional document the letter from [REDACTED] (DH) to Colin Wragg (Imperial Tobacco) dated 18th January 2013.

- Imperial Tobacco can see no reason that an applicable exemption would prevent DH from responding to the request by disclosing the correspondence attached to the two emails referred to above subject to the following points. Please note your references in your letter of 26 March 2013 to documents 1 and 2 are not correct.
- Please ensure in document 12. my personal email address (ending tesco.net) at bottom of page 2 and on page 3 is redacted along with all other personal contact details for anyone in all the documents as appropriate.
- We note that documents items 3 and 6 are the same.
- The letter from [REDACTED] (DH) to Imperial Tobacco referred to in document 3 is not included. Has this already been released or is this an omission?

- Email from Imperial Tobacco to DH [REDACTED] dated 10/01/2013 11:35 is missing. This should be included in the release. A copy is as follows:

From: Ross, Richard
Sent: Thursday, January 10, 2013 11:35 AM
To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Meeting yesterday

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you and your colleague for a good meeting yesterday.

Just to expand on a point in the discussion yesterday. In response to a recent Freedom of Information request I made, [REDACTED] responded by letter on 31 December 2012 including with it a document entitled "*Elicitation of subjective judgements of the impact on smoking of plain packaging policies for tobacco products*".

In that document the second paragraph of the section "Sample and recruitment" States:

"We will identify experts through our knowledge of the field and through nomination from other experts in the area. A third party, employed by a not-for-profit company and hence not subject to Freedom of Information requests, will write to potential participants, informing them of the study aim and requirements (see Appendix I for information provided to participants). Informed consent for participants in a one-off telephone interview will be obtained at this stage (see Appendix II)."

In the Appendix I Information sheet for participants it states:

"We have organised the data collection for this study in such a way that no links will exist between individual participants and the data they provide, so this information cannot be obtained under an FOI request."

"During the study, personal data will be stored on a secure computer with access only by the study administrator at Cambridge University Health Partners, a not-for-profit company that is not subject to FOI requests."

Note my highlighting.

It is interesting that protection has been put in to protect these experts from FOI requests but no such provision is made for commercially confidential information sharing with the industry which DH is requesting from the tobacco industry to enable a full and accurate Impact Assessment to be produced. This information is only held by the industry so not available from other sources and it is competitive information so if individual information was released it could be damaging to the company providing the information.

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

- An email from DH [REDACTED] to Imperial Tobacco Richard Ross dated 11/01/2013 re an FOI is missing.
- The emails from DH [REDACTED] to Imperial Tobacco dated 15/01/2013 15:06 in response to my email of 15/01/2013 14:19 are both missing.
- The cut-off date for this disclosure is not clear. Your letter states 4 February and February 2013 (inclusive) in the second paragraph. If it is February (inclusive) there is an email trail ending with email from DH [REDACTED] to Imperial Tobacco dated 21/02/2013 17:48 and an email DH to Imperial Tobacco dated 19/02/2013 11:31 Nottingham factory visit.

I hope this helps to ensure a complete disclosure to this Freedom of Information Act 2000 request

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK.

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 5:01 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Subject: Urgent FOI request deadline 3 April 2013

Importance: High

Mr Ross,

Please find attached a copy about an FOI request. The documents are also attached. As always apologies for the tight deadline of Wednesday 3 April 2013.

The documents.

regards

[REDACTED]
Wellington House
133 - 155 Waterloo Road
London
SE1 8UG

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]

Sent: 21 February 2013 09:13

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: FW: Letter from Department of Health

Hi [REDACTED]

I am awaiting confirmation of time from factory but I thought 2 to 2.5 Hours. If you want to see the bonded warehouse where the raw tobacco is stored and finished product is held prior to dispatch that would add about 40 mins. Taxi to and from factory 15 to 20 mins each way. Then say Half an hour or so for some sandwiches so you are not hungry on the train back.

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 3:15 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Subject: RE: FW: Letter from Department of Health

Hi Richard,

I am just looking at my diary and thinking about trains. How long do you think the factory tour will take?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Programme Manager
Department of Health

Tel: 020 [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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19/02/2013 12:32

To [REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH

cc

Subject RE: FW: Letter from Department of Health

Hi [REDACTED]

I will lock down 14th March

Yes from London Train and cab would be easiest.

We can organise things around train times but suggest getting there 10.30 to 11.00 if that fits.

Would you like a buffet sandwich lunch at the factory?

I will ask factory about timing of tour. As you want to be able to discuss operational and changeability details with engineers etc the tour around the factory can take 2 to 2.5 hours or longer.

I will get back with more information.

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2013 12:09 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Subject: Re: FW: Letter from Department of Health

Richard,

Also, it would be good to get an idea of what time you would like us to be at the factory on 14 March, so we can book train tickets etc.

Is the best way to the factory to go by train to Nottingham then get in a cab?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
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"Ross, Richard"	To	[REDACTED]/PH3/DOH/GB@DOH
< Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com >	cc	
19/02/2013 11:52	Subject	FW: Letter from Department of Health

Hi [REDACTED]

You obviously have not seen this sent yesterday. Yes 14th would be good.

Regards

Richard

From: Ross, Richard
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2013 10:53 AM
To: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Letter from Department of Health

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter.

Imperial Tobacco is pleased to be able to facilitate a fact finding visit to our manufacturing plant in Nottingham to enable the delegation to see the manufacturing process for cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco and the machinery used. We will ensure the appropriate members of the production and engineering staff are available to explain operational matters.

I am afraid the 22 February is not a good day for our team in Nottingham. I am awaiting some further dates from them however they were able to say 14th March was a convenient day if that works for your delegation. If not I hope to have a couple of other dates available tomorrow.

As you will be aware to go round a factory visitors will need to wear protective clothing and footwear which

will be supplied by the factory. To facilitate this being available on arrival, when you provide the names of the visiting party please could you include their coat and shoe size.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

Richard Ross

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 5:07 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Subject: Letter from Department of Health

Dear Mr Ross,

Please find the attached letter from [REDACTED], Tobacco Programme Manager at the Department of Health.

This letter has also been sent to you by post.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]
Sent: 31 January 2013 13:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: 'Wragg, Colin'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Dear [REDACTED]

Thanks for your quick response. Yes happy to accept as the agreed note.

Regards

Richard

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2013 11:17 AM
To: Ross, Richard
Cc: Wragg, Colin; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for your helpful and speedy comments on the note of the meeting. We are happy to incorporate these in the attached version. You will see that we have just clarified the attribution of a couple of your comments. I hope that this may now be considered the final note. Please let me know if you are content.

(See attached file; Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013 Revised.docx)

[REDACTED]
Tobacco Control Programme
Dept of Health
tel 020 [REDACTED]

"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

"Ross, Richard"
<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

30/01/2013 18:00

To [REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc "Wragg, Colin" <Colin.Wragg@uk.imptob.com>

Subject RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the draft note with our proposed changes as tracked changes. We trust you agree they accurately reflect the discussion that took place.

Kind regards

Richard Ross

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, January 25, 2013 2:08 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk;
[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK; Wragg, Colin

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for coming to the meeting on 9 January and for your letter of 11 January.

As agreed, please find attached a draft note of the meeting for your comment. Please let me know if you would like any changes made, or if you are content with this draft.

(See attached file: Note of Meeting with Imperial Tobacco 9 Jan 2013.docx)

Thanks

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]
Sent: 10 January 2013 11:35
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting yesterday

Good morning [REDACTED]

Thank you and your colleague for a good meeting yesterday.

Just to expand on a point in the discussion yesterday. In response to a recent Freedom of Information request I made, [REDACTED] responded by letter on 31 December 2012 including with it a document entitled "*Elicitation of subjective judgements of the impact on smoking of plain packaging policies for tobacco products*".

In that document the second paragraph of the section "Sample and recruitment" States:

"We will identify experts through our knowledge of the field and through nomination from other experts in the area. A third party, employed by a not-for-profit company and hence not subject to Freedom of Information requests, will write to potential participants, informing them of the study aim and requirements (see Appendix I for information provided to participants). Informed consent for participants in a one-off telephone interview will be obtained at this stage (see Appendix II)."

In the Appendix I Information sheet for participants it states:

"We have organised the data collection for this study in such a way that no links will exist between individual participants and the data they provide, so this information cannot be obtained under an FOI request."

"During the study, personal data will be stored on a secure computer with access only by the study administrator at Cambridge University Health Partners, a not-for-profit company that is not subject to FOI requests."

Note my highlighting.

It is interesting that protection has been put in to protect these experts from FOI requests but no such provision is made for commercially confidential information sharing with the industry which DH is requesting from the tobacco industry to enable a full and accurate Impact Assessment to be produced. This information is only held by the industry so not available from other sources and it is competitive information so if individual information was released it could be damaging to the company providing the information.

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

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From: Ross, Richard [mailto:Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com]

Sent: 03 January 2013 14:03

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: 'Wragg, Colin'

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Hi [REDACTED]

Happy New Year to you and the Tobacco Control Team.

To help prepare for our meeting on 9th January 2013.

1. Colin Wragg (Head of UK Corporate and Legal affairs) and I will be attending on behalf of Imperial Tobacco.
2. Please could you let me know who will be attending for Department of Health or other Government departments.
3. As only two of us are coming and to enable meaningful discussion without us having to be distracted taking detailed notes we were wondering what arrangements had been made, to ensure transparency of the meeting as required by FCTC, for the production of a report/file note of the meeting. In addition what arrangements will there be for us to see the report and comment if necessary before finalisation.

Thanking you in anticipation

Regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK.

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 12:14 PM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk;
[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk; [REDACTED]@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK;
[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Tobacco: Consultation on standardised packaging of tobacco products

Mr Ross

Thank you for your reply.

I attach a note of the topics we would like to discuss in the meeting.

We agree that it would be helpful to start with a discussion of commercial confidentiality, DH responsibilities under FOI and for DH to explain how we would intend to use any information you are able to provide.

(See attached file: Note for meeting with Imperial Tobacco on tobacco packs IA.doc)

We look forward to the meeting

[REDACTED]
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tel 020 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please find electronic copy of letter – Hard copy in post

Have a nice week-end

Kind regards

Richard Ross

Head of Political Affairs UK

From: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: Friday, November 23, 2012 11:17 AM

To: Ross, Richard

Cc: [REDACTED]@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Re: Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Richard

Thank you very much for your reply - both for speed and accuracy in noting our omission and providing a copy of the 10 October letter.

I also look forward to hearing from you soon about arranging to meet to discuss the development of the tobacco packaging impact assessment, to help inform policy decisions on this.

Thanks for your help

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"Ross, Richard" <Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

"Ross, Richard"

<Richard.Ross@uk.imptob.com>

23/11/2012 10:58

To

[REDACTED]/OIS/DOH@DOH

cc

Your letter 22 November re FOI. Our response

Subject

Hi [REDACTED]

Please find attached the official response from Imperial Tobacco to your letter dated 22 November 2012. A hard copy is in the post.

Regards

Richard Ross
Head of Political Affairs UK

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